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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

W. W. Rostow commented on the INR paper on Laos as follows:

It is good but it must go further. The moves outlined would not be sufficient.

(1) We must be serious, i.e. we must be prepared to go ahead and not just bluff.

must be demonstrated in the US

YES IF

(2) If we are to engage then we must put forces opposite Hanoi. We must threaten to hit Hanoi where it will hurt.

only if we pick & train such Lao commandos not if we want a "Laos solution"

even more so

NO

(3) Jungle Jim ought to quietly go to North Vietnam and take cut some railroad tracks in North Vietnam and plaster Tchepone.

YES IF CONNECTED WITH CEASE FIRE SUCCESSFUL FOR U.S. SUPPLIED RAILROADS OF PATHET LAO

(4) We must threaten their vulnerable spots.

Same

e.g. this winter after the cease-fire.

Incidental question:
Has any paper put forward a positive alternative & Phoumi force ~~reside~~ where does reside on our side?

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